BOLTS FROM BLUE STILL KILL STOCK

Ben Franklin's experiments with electricity didn't lead him to design a lightning rod to hook onto cows — so farmers are still losing stock from bolts from the blue.

Each year hundreds of farm animals are killed by lightning, says Dr. S. L. Kalison, veterinarian at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Many die as a result of a direct hit but some absorb the charge as it passes through other animals or along fences. Animals standing in the open are safer than those under trees or near fences, but they may still serve as a ground to conduct the lightning charge.

Some animals survive a brush with lightning. Survial will depend on the extent of nerve injury, says Kalison. If nerve injury is not severe, there is a chance for recovery.

It is not always easy to spot lightning victims among livestock. There are certain signs which indicate lightning was the killer. But these signs are not always present, and some other cause may be suspected.

Certain livestock diseases kill animals quickly and should not be ruled out in mysterious cases of death. Anthrax and blackleg are examples of these rapid killers. Some poisons also kill animals quickly.

Diseases or poisons, if the cause of death, may involve the health of the entire herd. For this reason, in cases of mysterious death of farm animals a veterinarian should be called in to determine the cause of death.

What signs do vets look for in suspected lightning deaths? One is a narrow path of singed hair on the side of the neck or body or down the leg of the animal shows the path of the lightning bolt as it travelled to the ground. Another sign is tufts or unchewed grass in the animal mouth, indicates instantaneous death. Dark blood and the absence of struggling, also indicate lightning as the cause. However, before making a diagnosis the veterinarian will check for signs of disease or poison.

There are limits to what farmers can do to protect their livestock from lightning. Little can be done to protect animals in an open field. But, says Dr. Kalison, livestock is not always in an open field during a thunderstorm. They may be in or near buildings or along fences.

This suggests that lightning rods on farm building will give protection to animals seeking shelter. Fences should be grounded to eliminate the danger to nearby animals. This can be done by placing an occasional steel post along the fence, or by attaching a ground wire to wires on the wood fence posts.

Stonewall

Stonewall, May 21.- It seems as if summer time has really come, and it is getting so dry. Hope we soon get a nice rain.

Mr. atnd Mrs. Oscar Aycock and family, of Wilson, N. C., spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell and Kathy.

Mr. and Mrs Herbert Matthews, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Matthews III, of Oange, spent last week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. John Alvis and the Davidson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Branford and family had as their week-end guests his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bradford, of Natural Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beard and baby, of Norfolk visited his mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler, at Rustburg last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pasco Jennings, Mr. Monroe Eyons and children, Mary and Robert, and Mrs. Fannie Jennings spent last Wednesday with Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Spain and family at Petersburg.

Mr. Wifter Lee, of Culpeper, is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette. He is always a welcome guest in our community.

Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard Sr. and two grandchildren, Susan and Jonny Drinkard, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette and Mr. Walter Lee visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Sunday. Rev. and Mrs. John Leitner visited in the Chick home on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler visited with friends in Amherst Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. R. H. Rouzon and boys visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Rouzon and family last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette had as their dinner guests on Sunday

Says the veterinarian, "It is never safe to assume that lightning was the killer when animals are found dead after a thunderstorm. If disease was responsible, the soil around the dead animal may become contaminated and capable of infecting other animals. These deadly organisms will live in the soil for many years. That is why it is important to call a veterinarian to make a diagnosis whenever livestock die suddenly or under mysterious circumstances."

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnette and family; Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Nixon and children, Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ray Burnette and Tim, of Concord, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Lawson and son, of Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson and children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davidson and their new baby, and Ronnie on last Sunday.

Richwood

Phillip and Helen Snow spent the week-end with Mrs. E. P. Snow

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Norcross and sons, Walter, Jr. and Billy were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Watt Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hamlett Sunday.

Imogene Fleshman was operated on Thursday for appendicitis and was returned home and doing fine.

Mrs. Douglas Martin and daughter visited Mrs. J. O. Cebbs in Lynchburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pugh and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Fleshman Sunday.

Horace L. Martin will arrive this week from California where he has been on the U.S.S. Lexington. He will move his family to Virginia Beach where he will be stationed in June.

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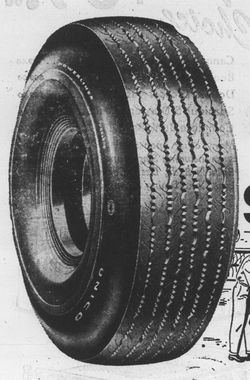

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PERSONALS

Mrs. George Carson recently visited her daughter, Miss Harriett Carson, at Radford College, Radford, Va.

Mrs. Robert Pankey, Mrs. E. L. Pankey and daughter, Sandra, and Mrs. Garrison visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Parsons and family of Richmond on Sunday.

Mrs. Hunter Dickerson spent the week-end in Alexandria with her son and nephew-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. Enid Phelps and child visited Mrs. Gerald Phelps and children of Ocean View, Va., for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Smith, of Norfolk, Va., spent Sunday with Mrs. Ray Schfeller. They also visited other relatives over the week-end.

Mrs. W. R. Reynolds, Miss Iris Reynolds, Mrs. R. M. Mann and Mrs. Sadie Owen visited Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Hunt, of Raleigh, N. C., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Evans were dinner guests Saturday evening of Miss Mary Golliday, of Lynchburg.

Pvt. Robert E. Pankey, U. S. Army, will arrive home Friday to spend a two-weeks leave before going to Fort Huston, Texas.

Mrs. C. Lewis McDearmon and Mrs. Henry B. Pack left Tuesday for Lexington, Ky., where they will be the guests of Mrs. Ella S. Anderson for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. David Randolph Caldwell announce the birth of a son, David Randolph Caldwell, Jr., born at the Virginia Baptist Hospital, May 20th. Mrs. Caldwell and son returned home Wednesday.

A/1c and Mrs. Wesley C. Newcomb left yesterday for Mississippi where Mr. Newcomb will have three months schooling at Kessler Field. Mrs. Newcomb will return this week end to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Evans, where both Mrs. Newcomb and daughter, Cindy, will remain while Mr. Newcomb is in sch.ol.

Mrs. Robert Campbell and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Charles Campbell, of Tampa, Fla., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Shuford several days this week.

Billy Evans, of Washington, D.C. spent several days this week at his home here.

Misses Bonnie and Connie Phelps were week-end guests of Miss Debra Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Evans were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Newcomb, of Lynchburg.

Miss Linda Phelps was a guest in the home of Gail Webb over the week-end.

Mrs. Nellie Schweizer is undergoing treatment at the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mrs. Emmett Day is a patient at the Virginia Baptist Hospital. Her condition is reported to be satisfactory.

Joe D. Ferguson returned home Sunday from McGuire Hospital, in Richmond, where he has been a patient for five weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ferguson left this morning for Jefferson City, Tenn., where they will attend the graduation exercises at Carson-Newman College, where their daughter, Joella, will receive her diploma, Major in History and Minor in Bible. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Martin.

SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN

Mrs. Ernest McIntosh and Mrs. Clyde Burrell, of Appomattox, gave a surprise birthday party for Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntosh on May 19th at the home of Mrs. Burrell.

Relatives of both Sandra and Glenn present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Cole Arrington, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Hall and son, Douglas, Mrs. B. E. Roach, Melinda and Terean McIntosh and Hoy Buckner.

APPOMATTOX METHODIST CIRCUIT

Rev. W. L. Ayres, Pastor

SATURDAY: Bethel Work Day and Fellowship Night

SUNDAY:

10 A. M. Bethel Worship Service
11 A. M. Trinity Worship Service
3 P. M. Trinity Planning Meeting
7 P. M. MYF at Trinity

MYF installation of Officers at Mt. Comfort
7 P. M. Mt. Comfort Bible Study and Prayer Service
WEDNESDAY: 7:30 P. M. Trinity Prayer Service

Memorial Methodist Church
Rev Richard Bergdoll, Minister
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
C. W. Smith, Supt.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.
Sermon: "The Spirit Filled Church."
Evening Worship: 7:30 P. M.
Sermon: "The Cure for Loneliness"

Red Oak Baptist Church
Rev. Keith Whitehead, Pastor
Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.
Training Union — 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7:30 P.M.

Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church
Millard G. Stimpson, Pastor
Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.
Worship Service at 11:00 A. M.
Anthem: "Come to the House of the Lord"
Message: "Conservation of Life"
Youth Fellowships at 6:30 P. M.

Walker's Presbyterian Church
Millard G. Stimpson, Pastor
Morning Worship at 9:45 A. M.
Message: "Conservation of Life"
Sunday School at 10:40 A. M.

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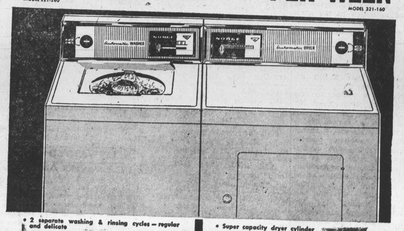

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